

Patent claims

1. A money-operated machine (1), in particular a parking-ticket machine, having a replaceable cashbox (2) for holding money which is intended to be replaced at prespecified intervals, and a rechargeable voltage source (3) for supplying power to electrical loads (4) of the machine (1), characterized in that the voltage source (3) is integrated in the cashbox (2) in such a way that they form a common replacement unit (5), and in that the replacement unit (5) has an interface (6) via which the voltage source (3) can be connected to the electrical loads (4) of the machine when the replacement unit (5) is positioned in said machine (1).
2. The machine (1) as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the interface (6) is designed in such a way that the voltage source (3) can be connected to a charging station (9) via said interface when the replacement unit (5) is positioned in a holding frame (7, 8) which is arranged outside the machine (1).
3. The machine (1) as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the replacement unit (5) is intended to be held in a transportation frame (7) which is arranged in a transportation vehicle (10) and has a charging station (9).
4. The machine (1) as claimed in claim 2 or 3, characterized in that the replacement unit (5) is intended to be held in a storage frame (8) which has a charging station (9) and is arranged at a cashbox-emptying location (11) or at a charging location.

5. The machine (1) as claimed in one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that display means (12) are provided for displaying the charge state of the voltage source (6).

6. A method for servicing a money-operated machine (1) as claimed in one of claims 1 to 5, in particular for replacing the cashbox (2) and for charging the voltage source (3), with a replacement unit (5) of the machine (1), which unit is to be exchanged and has a cashbox (2) which needs to be emptied and/or a voltage source (3) which needs to be charged, being exchanged at prespecified intervals for a new replacement unit (5) which has an empty cashbox (2) and a charged voltage source (3), with a new replacement unit (5) being prepared in a holding frame (7, 8) with a charging station (9) in which the voltage source (3) is charged, and with the holding frame (7, 8) being arranged in a transportation vehicle (10) and/or at a cashbox-emptying location (11) or at a charging location.